

Health Policy and Research, for his 30 years of service to the National Kidney Foundation.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I have come to understand the need for kidney patients to have a strong advocate, and they certainly have one with Dolph.

Few people can say they have made a direct impact on the lives of millions of Americans as Dolph Chianchiano can. He has guided the NKF on almost every legislative and policy decision in the history of the Medicare ESRD program, which started 35 years ago.

He helped shape the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act in 2000, the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act in 2004 and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act in 2008. These laws have helped raise the standards for dialysis facilities, establish, regulate and improve the organ donation process, and provide funding for education, early screening and life-saving treatments for kidney patients.

He has been diligent to make sure that the promise of legislation becomes a reality for patients, making sure that the laws are implemented well through rulemakings and that appropriations follow the authorizing legislation. His ability to work to build support in the kidney community and his institutional memory of regulations and legislation over three decades makes his work even more profound.

We know Dolph's work will continue and for that we are thankful. But today, I want to honor him for his passion, commitment and dedication to kidney and transplant patients for the past 30 years and wish him the best as we work together to improve the lives of people touched by kidney disease.

RESTORING RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this chamber, the House hosted the Members of the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States.

The President used that opportunity to address Congress and the American people about this country's health care crisis.

During the speech a member of this body shouted a personal insult—rude and disrespectful words—at the President of the United States that violated the rules of decorum of this House and disgraced this institution.

To insult the President of the United States—an invited guest in this House—in such a manner brings shame on this body and all its members.

Disrespect, incivility, and personal attacks have no place in the People's House if we are to get the people's business done.

As a matter of honor, respect, and common decency the representative of the people of South Carolina's 2nd District should stand in the well of the House and apologize to his colleagues for his words and his conduct.

Since the representative from South Carolina has refused to apologize I urge all Mem-

bers, Democrats and Republicans, to vote in favor of H. Res. 744 and support restoring respect and dignity to the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 696 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 697 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 698 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59, as Amended).

RECOMMENDING TEACHING CONSTITUTION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my support, not only for the principles of House Resolution 686, but for all of the historical foundations of our Nation and its laws. The Constitution is our Nation's most precious and important document. The Constitution spells out the vision that our founders had for this land and its people, while directing us on how to protect the many freedoms and gifts it provides us. A fundamental understanding of social studies, like many other subjects, is imperative for our children, and our Nation, to achieve their greatest potential. That understanding of social studies must include many things, but most importantly an understanding of our Constitution, our Founding Fathers, their vision and ideals for this Republic, and a sense of civic duty that embodies charity and the American spirit of independence. In order for our students to grasp these concepts and relate them to the rest of their educational experiences and daily lives, these concepts and themes must be revisited throughout the education of young Americans and not just for a week in September. As the Constitution is the foundation of our Republic and its laws and principles, in teaching our students about American government and American history the Constitution should provide a foundation and frame of reference throughout the educational process. I am greatly appreciative for all of our teachers and education professionals and thank them for the service they provide to our communities. I would encourage them to include our founding documents and the lessons provided by our Founding Fathers into their classrooms whenever possible.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROGER MCCAULEY FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OHIO AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Roger McCauley served as the Executive Director of the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, because of his expertise about and dedication to Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been a long-standing advocate of affordable housing for all through his service on the board of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has, throughout his career, been of invaluable service to community economic development and poverty advocacy groups; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been an upstanding and irreplaceable leader in his community, having served on the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, as President of the Oakdale Water District, and as President of the Burr Oak Regional Water District;

Whereas, Roger McCauley has spent forty years of his distinguished life fighting in the War on Poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Roger McCauley for her distinguished record of service to Ohio and the Appalachian Region. We are grateful for his dedication and service.

HONORING THE WORK OF ARA PARSEGHIAN

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ara Parseghian for his years of dedication as a loving husband and father, legendary football coach and most notably, an advocate for scientific research to discover cures for two rare diseases which afflict hundreds of thousands of Americans—Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

Ara Parseghian spent much of his career serving as a leader and role model to the many young men who came under his guidance during his tenure as the head football coach at Miami University, Northwestern and the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Parseghian's impressive record at Notre Dame included two consensus national championships and three bowl victories in the 1970 Cotton Bowl, the 1973 Sugar Bowl and the 1974 Orange Bowl. Mr. Parseghian was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980 in recognition for these tremendous accomplishments.

Many Americans have heard stories about Ara Parseghian's legendary football career, but what many may not know is that some of his most important work began after his football career. For nearly fifteen years, Ara has been fighting Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

This tragic disease is a degenerative neurological disorder afflicting thousands of children and sadly is ultimately fatal. Niemann-Picks Type C is a rare disease, afflicting only one out of four children when both parents are carriers. The Parseghian family learned of this disease first hand, when despite the rarity of the disease, three of Ara's youngest grandchildren were diagnosed with Niemann-Picks Type C in 1994.

Unfortunately, the Parseghians' beautiful grandchildren are no longer with us. Michael passed away at the age of 9 in 1997, Christa when she was only 10 in 2001, and most recently Maria at age 16 in 2005. Surely no grandparent in this day and age should have to outlive three of their grandchildren. Yet, rather than succumb to grief and give up hope, Ara Parseghian and his family never let up in their fight to find a cure for this terrible disease. Together they founded the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation in 1994 devoted to researching and finding a cure for Niemann-Picks Type C. In 1997, scientists funded by the Parseghian foundation were able to isolate the gene responsible for causing Niemann-Picks Type C, and have since made tremendous strides towards finding treatments which may one day prevent other families from suffering the same tragic loss as the Parseghians have.

Ara Parseghian's commitment to scientific discovery did not stop with the disease that took the lives of his grandchildren. Mr. Parseghian, whose sister, brother-in-law and daughter have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, is also active in fundraising for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In honor of his many years of selfless devotion to the cause of medical research, Ara Parseghian will be honored at the Kate's Hope Michiana MS Luncheon on September 23, 2009, where he will receive the first Kate's Hope Award for "hope-inspiring humanitarian service." While Ara Parseghian has received numerous awards and accolades for his achievements on the football field, it is honors such as this—for his selfless devotion to others—which will truly define the "Era of Ara." And so once again, I wish to express my sincere admiration and respect for Ara Parseghian, and honor all he has done for children and families struggling with neurological disorders.

HONORING STEPHEN C. WHITE OF THE MYSTIC SEAPORT MUSEUM

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome Stephen C. White, as the new president and chief executive officer of Mystic Seaport Museum, in my Congressional district.

The Board of Trustees of the Museum conducted a national search of many qualified candidates and found an individual capable of building on the Museum's many accomplishments during its 80-year history. Mystic Seaport Museum, the Museum of America and the Sea, hosts nearly 300,000 visitors each year, including 30,000 children attending with school or youth groups.

Prior to joining the Museum, Steve served 18 years as headmaster of Fay School, the country's oldest junior boarding school. During Steve's tenure, Fay School established a dynamic strategic plan and a comprehensive master plan for future campus development. Under Steve's leadership, Fay dramatically increased its endowment and, most recently, completed a \$20 million campaign designed to support key elements of the strategic plan, including compensation, scholarships, program development and campus expansion.

A native of Camden, ME, Steve has long enjoyed a connection to the sea, sailing wooden boats with his grandfather and father. He found his call to education through the sea as well, having spent summers as a director of junior sailing programs at Camden Yacht Club and Ft. Worth Boat Club. He's also made two trans-Atlantic crossings on a sloop from Connecticut. Steve is excited to get back to his maritime roots as he takes on the position of moving Mystic Seaport forward.

Steve has a B.A. in English and Education from Hartwick College. Additionally, he has completed coursework at Columbia University/Teachers College through a Klingenstein Fellowship. He currently resides on Cape Cod with his wife, Maggie, and is planning to relocate to Mystic soon.

As Mystic Seaport celebrates its 80th year, the team there continues to strive toward achieving the vision the founders laid out in 1929—that the Museum be educational in purpose, national in scope and an inspiring force for the future.

Based on my work with Steve White during his first few months in office, I am confident that he has been an excellent selection to continue working toward this vision, and I look forward to working closely with him as he does so.

CALL TO SERVICE HOMEBUYER CREDIT ACT OF 2009

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, in June of this year, a constituent contacted me regarding an issue of great concern to his family. He and his wife had purchased a home in my district with the First Time Homebuyer Credit. Yet, because of a temporary government assignment overseas, they were being forced to repay the credit. This constituent eloquently expressed his frustration and asked my office to help him, and the thousands of Foreign Service families like his.

I'm proud to say that today we are doing just that by introducing the "Call to Service Homebuyer Credit Act of 2009."

This bill would allow members of the armed services, Foreign Service, and intelligence community to take full advantage of the 2009 First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit.

Currently, the credit provides up to \$8,000 towards the purchase of a home, from December 31, 2008 through November 30, 2009, provided that the home is a primary residence for 36 months afterward. The program has been so successful that the National Association of Realtors estimates 1.8 million families will file for the credit, and that 350,000

wouldn't have been able to purchase a home without it.

But for all its popularity, the credit is inaccessible to many Americans—like my constituent—serving our country in the military, Foreign Service, or intelligence community. These occupations often require time served abroad, or otherwise away from home, rendering a 36-month commitment to a primary residence a difficult proposition. Even now, hundreds of thousands of men and women are overseas serving our country on bases, embassies, or other posts, away from friends and family, and often in hazardous locations. Those serving the public should not have to choose between their job and their home.

This bill protects those called to service, now or in the future, by counting duty away from home as time spent fulfilling the primary occupancy requirement. It also gives a second chance to those who served away from home in 2009 by extending the credit for one year. This bill will give these men and women the same opportunity as other Americans to own a home.

I appreciate the engagement of the Ways and Means Committee on this issue, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to quickly enact these thoughtful provisions.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANK OF O'FALLON IN O'FALLON, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Bank of O'Fallon, in O'Fallon, Illinois.

The Bank of O'Fallon was chartered in 1959 and opened its doors in a facility on the northwest corner of the new Southview Plaza. The original board of directors included; Matthias K. Schwarz, Russell V. Thoman, Sr., Dr. B.F. Tate, Arthur Huller, W. Wayne McKinley, Ray Richardson, and Jack Schwarz. The management team consisted of President, Matthias K. Schwarz, Vice-President, Russell V. Thomas, Sr., and acting cashier, Dr. B.F. Tate.

Responding to the needs of its customers, the Bank of O'Fallon opened an 8 lane drive through facility in 1973, across the "Shiloh Road," at 913 South Lincoln. Expansion continued in 1989 with the opening of a new, larger bank building next to the drive through. The Community Financial Center was built on the site of the original bank building in 2000. This center holds a conference room, dedicated to one of the founders, Russell V. Thomas, Sr. and his wife, Eleanor, where community groups can meet free of charge.

The Bank of O'Fallon has grown through the years and has earned a reputation as a sound, successful community bank. It is owned by Security First Bancshares, Inc., a locally owned holding company. With current assets of approximately \$255 million, the bank has been recognized by several independent bank research firms with their highest ratings.

The current president, Richard J. Thoman, stresses the joint contributions of the directors, officers and employees in the continuing success of the bank. O'Fallon and the surrounding area have been tremendous growth